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To: The Director

From: Dave Gries

We plan to prepare an answer for your signature.

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No answer expected or required Dave, I prefer to

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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January 4, 1988

Honorable William Webster Director of Central Intelligence The Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

I am very concerned that the equipment upgrade program has not been adequately carried out according to the intent of Congress. The primary purpose of this program is to develop and upgrade existing weapons systems for use by your regular forces, but I have evidence to believe that the program is woefully inadequate when it comes to providing inexpensive and simple technology to soldiers in the field.

A prime example is the inability of Afghan fighters to clear mine fields with anything other than their own bodies. Technology exists which would enable them to save life and limb, and do so at very little expense. Yet because of the deficiencies in implementation of this program, lives continue to be lost and limbs blown apart on a daily basis.

I would greatly appreciate your doing whatever is possible to streamline the process and make this program work.

Sincere:

ROBERT L. LIVINGSTON Member of Congress

RLL: jb

